इस मंत्रालय के ध्यान में लाया जाता है तो यह मंत्रालय दोषी राज्य को दोषनिवारक कार्रवाई करने के लिए तत्काल लिखता है ।

Scarcity of Potable water in Rajasthan

3457. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Indian Express' ,dated the 9th May, 1995 under the caption "Where people work as bonded labour for water";

(b) if so, whether water scarcity is the major problem of all the remote villages of Western Rajasthan, including Jodhpur, Barmer and Jaisalmer;

(c) if so, whether Government ever contemplated and/or implemented plans to alleviate the sufferings and miseries of the people of the said areas on account of non-availability of potable water; and

(d) if so, the broad details thereof and if not, the reasons for this collousness on the part of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No such report has been received from the Govt. of Rajasthan. However, during extreme hot climate particularly in summer the conditions in Western Rajasthan including Jodhpur, Barmer and Jaisalmer, drinking water problems are faced in the remote vilalges.

(c) and (d) There are 37889 villages in the State as per 1991 census. Prior to the 1994 survey, all except 13 remote villages were reported to have been provided safe drinking water facilities partially or fully. The actual achievement in 1994-95 was 3054 habitations against the target of 2400. out of the total rural population of 339.39 lakh, 204.12 lakh was reported as covered upto 31.3.95. This includes 55.23 lakh SCs and 31.77 lakh of ST's.

During the last 13 Years from VI Plan to 1994-95 the total amount spent in Rural Water Supply Sector under State MNP is Rs. 517.92 crores. In addition Rs. 569.21 crore was provided by the Central Govt. as assistance under ARWSP.

In 1991-92, special assistance of Rs. 25.15 crore was given to the State Govt. for accelerating the coverage of problem villages and Rs. 6 crores for drinking water supply to SC population in Dhanis. As such adequate Central assisance is being provided to the State Govt. of Rajasthan for tackling the problem of drinking water supply in the State. In the DDP area schemes are approved at 70 litres per capita per day (lpcd), including 30 lpcd to meet the drinking water requirement of cattle.

NBCCL signed MOU with Germany Organisations

3458. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Building Construction Corporation Limited had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with some German organisations in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether the MOU will help the progress of country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Memorandum of Understanding provides for the supply of Technical know-how, design and engineering for construction of cooling towers in India and abroad. M|s. Balcke Durr Cooling Towers, AG Ratingen, West Germany is reported to be an internationally known Company in the construction of cooling towers. As per the Memoradum of Understandig, M/s. Balcke Durr Cooling Towers will provide basic design, engineering and performances, guarantees etc. The construction of cooling towers will be done by National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited; pavment for their services will be made in rupees and not in foreign exchange.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Many power plants and chemical plants expected to be set up in the near future would require construction of sophisticated cooling towers also. The German Technology from M/s. Balcke Durr Cooling Towers will benefit the country as well as the NBCC individually for construction of cooling towers in India. NBCC will also get an opportunity of constructing cooling towers outside India in Association with M|s. Blacke Durr Cooling Towers Ltd. This will bring foreign exchange to the country.

रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए धनराशियां

8459. **श्री रामजी लाल :** क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए एक नये विभाग के माध्यम से राज्यों को अधिक धनराशियों की स्वीकृति देने का विचार रखती है ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त धनराशियों के आवंटन का क्या मानदंड होगा,

(ग) क्या ये धनराशियां "नेहरू रोजगार योजना" के अतिरिक्त होंगी; और

(घ) चालू वर्ष के दौरान इस विभाग के माध्यम से कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा और इस योजना के अंतर्गत कितने शहरों को शामिल किया जायेगा ।

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन) : (क) से (घ) यह मंत्रालय नेहरू रोजगार योजना स्कीम का कार्यान्वयन कर रहा है जिसमें बेरोजगार और अल्परोजगार योजना शहरी निर्धनों की रोजगार के सुअवसर प्रदान करने का प्रयत्न किया गया है । नेहरु रोजगार योजना के तहत पहले से ही दिए जा रहे धन के अतिरिक्त और धन देने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । वर्ष 1995–96 के दौरान, नेहरू रोजगार योजना की शहरी लघु उद्यम स्कीम (सूमे) के अन्तर्गत लघु उद्यम स्थापित करने के लिए लगभग 1.17 लाख लाभार्थियों को सहायता दिए जाने की आशा है । नेहरू रोजगार योजना के तहत शहरी लघु उद्यम स्कीम देशभर में शहरी बस्तियों में लागू है ।

Assessment regarding need for urban dwellings

8460. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the need of urban dwellings by the year 2000 in different cities;

(b) if so, what are the number of new dwellings required for Hyderaba by the year 2000;

(c) whether Government propose to assist the State Government in meeting this requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;